Prices of bulk vitamins

3472. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1985 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1988 and state:

(a) the names of the bulk vitamins whose prices were fixed under DPCO, 1979 along with price fixed for each;

(b) whether his Ministry notified the prices of formulations based on these drugs under DPCO, 1979;

(c) if so, the price notified for each; and

(d) the names of the bulk vitamins being produced in the country along with the name of each producer and the production of each during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The details of prices of bulk Vitamins fixed under DPCO, 1979 to the extent available are given in the attached Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of formulations involved is quite large. The details required in the question are therefor quite voluminous and not readily available. The time and effort required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) The details of production of Vitamins in the country during the last three years to the extent available are as under:

			84-85	85-86	86-87
1.	Vitamin A	MMU	60.58	61.04	69.34
2.	Vitamin B1	T	52.00	58.41	49.85
3.	Vitamin B2	T	18.49	24.04	8.69
4.	Vitamin B12	Kg.	136.16	176.97	193.43
5.	Vitamin C.	T	716 23	651 26	773.89
6.	Vitamin D3	Kg.	236 20	348.67	388.76
7.	Vitamin E	T	58.40	67.05	60.94
8.	Folic Acid	T	7.25	7.65	6.65
9.	Nicotinic Acid	T	7 51	11 85	6.97

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of Vitamin	Unit	Price fixed (Rs. Ps.)
1	Vitamin 'A' Acetate, Dry Powder 0.5MIU/gm	1000 MIU	1297.86
2	Vitamin 'A' Palmitate 1MIU/gm	1000 MIU	990.55

Sl. No.	Name of Vitamin	Unit	Price fixed (Rs. Ps.)
3	Vitamin A Palmitate 1.7 MIU/gm	1000 MIU	1020.67
4	Vitamin B1 Hcl. (Oral)	Kg.	950 00
5	Vitamin B1 Hcl. (Amp)	Kg.	1005 00
6	Vitamin B1 Mononitrate	Kg.	1011 50
7	Vitamin B-2	Kg.	1820 00 (pooled price)
8	Vitamin B-6 (Pyridexin Hcl)	Kg.	1200 00
9	Vitamin B-12 (Cyanacobalamin)	Kg.	156 00
10	Vitamin B 12 (Hydroxycobalamin)	Kg.	221 00
11	Vitamin C Plain	Kg.	219.50 (Sarabhai M. Chemicals)
		Kg.	240 10 (Jayant Vitamins)
12	Vitamin C Coated	Kg.	230 50 (Sarabha M. Chemicals)
		Kg.	251.10 (Jayant Vitamins)
13	Vitamin D3	gm.	25.65
14	Vitamin E	Kg.	552 01
15	Vitamin P (Rutin)	Kg.	610.78
16	Folic Acid	Kg.	2631.62
17	Nicotinic Acid	Kg.	110.00

Norms for bringing price decontrolled medicines under price control

3473. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1981 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the principles decided by his Ministry on the basis of which price decontrolled medicines can be brought under price control;

(b) what is the purpose of submission of break-up required from manufacturers before increasing the prices

(c) whether it is a fact that drug companies increased the prices of bulk drugs upto 700 per cent;

(d) whether Government find an justification in such steep increases;

(e) whether it is a fact that substantial price increase has been effected by drug companies; and

(f) if so, what is the objective creating a provision when no dr has been considered for price contr even after such steep increases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTR (SHRI J. VENGA RAO): (